

VITAMIN, MINERAL, AND OTHER PRODUCTS OF SPECIAL DIETARY SIGNIFICANCE

20793. Adulteration of Mi-Vites tablets and Vi-Mineroms tablets and misbranding of Panules multiple vitamin candules. U. S. v. Chase Chemical Co. and Sydney Chasman. Plea of guilty entered by company to 5 counts of information and plea of guilty entered by individual to 1 count. Fine of \$500 against each defendant. (F. D. C. No. 33773. Sample Nos. 23481-L, 49056-L, 49057-L.)

INFORMATION FILED: April 20, 1953, District of New Jersey, against the Chase Chemical Co., a corporation, Newark, N. J., and Sydney Chasman, president of the corporation.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: Between November 5, 1951, and January 30, 1952, from the State of New Jersey into the State of New York.

LABEL, IN PART: (Bottle) "Mi-Vites A concentrated Vitamin and Mineral Tablet containing seven essential vitamins and six essential minerals * * * Steel Pharmaceutical Co. Distributors New York, N. Y. Three Mi-Vites Daily Provide: * * * Vitamin A (Palmitate) 15,000 U. S. P. Units B₁ (Thiamine HCl) 15 Mg. * * * D (Activated Ergosterol) 1500 U. S. P. Units * * * Nicotinamide 30 Mg."; "Vi-Mineroms 9 Vitamins—5 Minerals * * * Chase Chemical Company Pharmaceutical Chemists Newark, New Jersey * * * Three tablets represent * * * Vitamin B₁ (Thiamine Hydrochloride) 2 Mg. * * * Vitamin D (Activated Ergosterol) 500 U. S. P. Units * * * Iron (Sulfate) 10 Mg."; "Candules Improved Panules Multiple Vitamins Chase * * * Each candule contains: * * * Vitamin D (Irradiated Ergosterol) 1000 U. S. P. Units."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Mi-Vites tablets. Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (1), valuable constituents of the article, namely, vitamins A, B₁, and D, and nicotinamide, had been in part omitted and abstracted from the article.

Vi-Mineroms tablets. Adulteration, Section 402 (b) (1), valuable constituents, namely, vitamin B₁, vitamin D, and iron sulfate, had been in part omitted and abstracted from the article.

Panules multiple vitamin candules. Misbranding, Section 403 (a), the label statements "Each candule contains: * * * Vitamin D * * * 1000 U. S. P. Units" and "This product supplies in one candule the minimum daily adult requirement of * * * 1¼ times this requirement of Vitamins * * * D" were false and misleading. The statements represented and suggested that each candule of the article contained 1,000 U. S. P. units of vitamin D and that the article would supply in one candule 1¼ times the minimum daily adult requirement for vitamin D. Each candule of the article contained less than 1,000 U. S. P. units of vitamin D and would supply in one candule a smaller proportion of the minimum daily adult requirement for vitamin D than represented.

The information alleged also that two other products were misbranded under the provisions of the law applicable to drugs, as reported in notices of judgment on drugs and devices.

DISPOSITION: December 18, 1953. The company having entered a plea of guilty to the 5 counts of the information and the individual having entered a plea of guilty to the count in the information relating to the quinine sulfate tablets, the court imposed a fine of \$500 against each defendant.